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PATRICK WATKINS

Attorney wants trial moved from Clark

By Fred Petke
The Winchester Sun

Attorneys for murder suspect Patrick Watkins claim he can't receive a fair trial in Clark County, given the media coverage of his case.

The motion was filed last week in Clark Circuit Court and is scheduled to be heard by the judge Thursday afternoon, according to the docket.

In her motion, Watkins' attorney Lauren Clark said there has been "extensive, prejudicial media cover-

age of this case" which included "descriptive articles about the facts of the case and judicial proceedings." She also cited articles about a vigil staged outside the Clark County Courthouse in memory of Michaela Watkins and other victims of child abuse.

Clark wrote that the coverage of the death and trial, including comments left with online reports, "undoubtedly has compro-



Patrick Watkins

mised (Watkins') right to have a fair trial by an impartial jury made up of Clark County citizens."

The attorneys for both Patrick and Joy Watkins filed a similar motion prior to the original trial, citing the vigil on the courthouse steps against child abuse. The judge overruled the motion, and a jury was selected of Clark County citizens.

Watkins is awaiting a new trial on charges that he was re-

sponsible for his 10-year-old daughter Michaela's death in September 2007. Watkins was convicted along with his wife Joy in 2008 and sentenced to life in prison, but his sentence and verdict were overturned in April 2011.

The Supreme Court determined that Patrick Watkins was not allowed to respond to 17 incriminating statements from his wife Joy Watkins, which were entered into evidence during their 2008 trial in Winchester. The trial judge erred by not allowing Patrick Watkins to respond to refute those statements,

which violated his Sixth Amendment right to confront his accuser. The justices then ordered a new trial for Patrick Watkins. Joy Watkins' conviction and life sentence were not changed.

Michaela Watkins died on March 11, 2007 from multiple injuries including skin-peeling burns to the backs of both legs, bite marks on her ears and broken ribs. Investigators found 77 separate injuries to her body, 35 of those were to her head.

She also cited more than 40

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WEATHER

Storms rattle state

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Strong winds have caused damage in western Kentucky and a tornado watch was in effect for most of the state Wednesday.

No deaths or serious injuries were reported in the commonwealth early Wednesday, but what were believed to be strong winds overturned a mobile home near Paducah. An elderly woman was rescued from the wreckage by the McCracken County Rescue Squad, according to The Paducah Sun.

High winds collapsed a barn and a silo in the Kevil area of Ballard County.

The broad tornado watch was posted for western and central Kentucky in advance of a storm system that killed at least one person in southwest Missouri and caused severe damage in the Ozark Mountains resort town of Branson.

There were periodic tornado warnings in central Kentucky, but no immediate confirmations of touch-downs.

For more on the storms, see A7.

IN YOUR WORLD

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EDUCATION

MSU president speaks against UPike plan

FRANKFORT (AP) — Morehead State University's president told legislators Tuesday that there's no need to turn the University of Pikeville into a publicly funded school.

Wayne Andrews told the House Education Committee that the area is already well-served by current universities and colleges. He said adding another public institution would deprive current institutions of scarce resources.

"What we're talking about is a shrinking pie," he said.

Rep. Leslie Combs, a Pikeville Democrat, has proposed using coal severance tax money to convert the University of Pikeville from a private to public university.

Andrews said that in fiscal year 1999, state support for higher education was \$1.17 billion, while today it totals \$979 million. If Gov. Steve Beshear's budget is approved, that figure will be down to \$916 million in 2013.

Increasingly, Andrews said, the burden is shifted to students' tuition rates.

However, he added, Morehead is the second-most affordable university for students in the state, with its costs being a little less than Kentucky State University's.

Currently, he said, average tuition for Morehead is \$6,942.

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Making contact

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Five-year-old Jackson Sotski keeps his eyes on the ball during his first tennis lesson from his mother, Annie Sotski of Barlow Drive, Tuesday afternoon, left photo. After several swings and misses, Jackson finally connected with the ball, right photo. Once he hit the ball the first time, Jackson had no trouble hitting the ball several more times.



Working in the dirt

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A construction crew with Frederick & May Construction of West Liberty moves dirt to a low area while excavating for a new \$13 million elementary school under construction behind Central Elementary School Tuesday morning. The Kentucky Department of Education gave the local school district the \$13 million to construct the building. Students from Central, Fannie Bush and Pilot View elementary schools will move into the building when completed in August 2013. Conkwright Middle School is to be renovated to house elementary students. Middle school students from Conkwright and Clark Middle will be moved to the old high school once the new high school is completed. For more, see A7.



Obituaries

JOHN BOYD AMYX

John Boyd Amyx, DVM, 34, of Winchester and formerly of Wolfe County, beloved husband of Jessica Ewen Amyx, departed this life Friday, Feb. 24 at his home.

He was the son of Carroll and Phyllis Alexander Amyx, born in Lexington on April 15, 1977. John graduated from Wolfe County High School, attended Morehead State University, veterinary school at Ross University on St. Kitts Island in the West Indies, and Texas A&M. He was a member of the Winchester First United Methodist Church.

He was a loving husband, father, son and brother. He is survived by his loving wife, Jessica Ewen Amyx of Winchester; one son, Jacob Scott Amyx of Winchester; his parents, Carroll and Phyllis Alexander Amyx of Campton; one sister, Barbara Hutton and husband, Eric, of Winchester; one uncle, Marvin Alexander of Campton; mother-in-law, Donna Dunn and husband, Sherwin, of Hazel Green; and one sister-in-law, Sherwin Dunn of Hazel Green. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27 at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. James Williams III, and the Rev. Jim Doughton officiating. Burial followed at Evans Cemetery, Campton. Pallbearers were Dr. John Park, Dr. Travis McVey, Jayd Raines, Chris Campbell, Todd Holbrook, Chris Sweeney, Alan Landrum and Kenny Strong.

Honorary pallbearers were Bernard Ewen, Eric Hutton, David Caudill, James Lacy, Marvin Alexander, Sherwin Dunn, George Pilgrim, Adam Dunn and Homer Hutton. Arrangements were entrusted to Porter and Son Funeral Directors in Campton.

JAMES LANCE HAZARD

James Lance Hazard, 49, of Paris, died Feb. 23 at his residence.

He is survived by his daughter, Heather Hazard of Winchester. Services will be private. The online guest book is available at www.coffman-mortuaryparlor.com. Arrangements under the direct care of Coffman Mortuary Parlor.

TRISTON BLAKE HAGER

Triston Blake Hager, 17, of Winchester, passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, in Clark County.

A native of Lexington, he was born Sept. 18, 1994, to father, Franklin Hager Jr., and mother and stepfather,

Angela Robinson Lawson and Tony Lawson, all of Winchester.

He worked for Rogers Exhaust, he was a junior at George Rogers Clark High School, and he was accepted to play varsity football for the upcoming school year.

Other survivors include his maternal grandmother, Nancy Blakemore Havens of Clark County; brother, Franklin Wayne Hager of Winchester; great-grandfather, Doc Blakemore, of Winchester; half brother, Michael Hager of Powell County; half sister, Madison Hager of Winchester; stepbrother, Dustin Lawson of California; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Deloris and Franklin Hager Sr. and Arthur Wayne Robinson.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Rolan G. Taylor Funeral Home, 289 S. Main St., with the Rev. Ryan Dotson officiating.

Visitation will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Boonesboro Cemetery.

ROBERT MORTON

Robert Morton, 79, of Winchester, passed away on Tuesday.

Arrangements are incomplete with Scobee Funeral Home.

The online guest book is available at www.scobee-funeralhome.com, and the 24-hour funeral information telephone line can be reached at 744-2122.

Police/fire

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Reports

— At 10:52 p.m. Friday, deputies responded to an accident on the Veterans Memorial Parkway near Irvine Road in which a vehicle driven by Kimberly A. Bowling, 32, of 27 E. Washington St. left the roadway and struck a fence before coming to rest in a field. Bowling was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

— At 4 p.m. Wednesday, Tara Hayes of 2481 Ecton Road reported that someone entered her home and took

a jewelry box and several items of jewelry.

WINCHESTER POLICE

Charged

— Tabatha A. Johnson, 33, of Mount Sterling, was charged Wednesday with theft by unlawful taking.

— Elijah M. Stone, no age or address given, was charged Wednesday with promoting contraband.

Reports

— At 10:45 a.m. Wednesday officers responded to a report of a theft from a home at 10 Linden Ave.

CLARK COUNTY FIRE

On Wednesday firefighters responded injury accidents on Interstate 64 at the 94 and 92 mile markers. They also responded to a fire alarm sounding on Clubhouse Drive, and conducted an engine assist on Irvine Road.

WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS

On Wednesday emergency personnel conducted one local transfer and two out of town transfers. They also re-

sponded to three general medical calls, two falls, two cardiac cases, one seizure, one overdose and one motor vehicle accident.

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Man fatally wounded after pointing gun at sheriff

DRAKESBORO (AP) — Police say a western Kentucky man has died after being shot when he pointed a gun at a sheriff investigating a domestic dispute.

Muhlenberg County Sheriff Curtis McGehee and

Deputies Terry Vick and Troy Gibson responded to a call Monday night in Drakesboro. A man at the scene, 40-year-old Hargis A. Gibson of Drakesboro, pulled a handgun and fired a round into the ceiling, Kentucky State

Police said. Trooper Stu Recke told WBKO-TV in Bowling Green

that officers pleaded with Gibson to put the weapon down, Police said in a statement.

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Thu 3/1	Fri 3/2	Sat 3/3	Sun 3/4	Mon 3/5
66/44	63/46	66/46	52/32	43/27
Sunrise 7:09 AM Sunset 6:30 PM	Sunrise 7:08 AM Sunset 6:31 PM	Sunrise 7:06 AM Sunset 6:32 PM	Sunrise 7:05 AM Sunset 6:33 PM	Sunrise 7:03 AM Sunset 6:34 PM

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Kentucky At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	68	43	t-storm	Glasgow	67	43	t-storm	Murray	72	45	t-storm
Bowling Green	69	45	t-storm	Hopkinsville	68	43	t-storm	Nashville, TN	67	49	t-storm
Cincinnati, OH	68	41	t-storm	Knoxville, TN	68	49	t-storm	Owensboro	68	42	t-storm
Corbin	66	45	t-storm	Lexington	64	42	t-storm	Paducah	70	43	t-storm
Covington	68	42	t-storm	Louisville	68	45	t-storm	Pikeville	70	51	t-storm
Cynthiana	67	40	t-storm	Madisonville	72	42	t-storm	Prestonsburg	68	45	t-storm
Danville	64	43	t-storm	Mayfield	74	43	t-storm	Richmond	64	44	t-storm
Elizabethtown	68	42	t-storm	Middlesboro	69	49	t-storm	Russell Springs	66	44	t-storm
Evansville, IN	70	39	t-storm	Morehead	65	42	t-storm	Somerset	65	45	t-storm
Frankfort	65	42	t-storm	Mount Vernon	65	44	t-storm	Winchester	66	44	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	73	59	t-storm	Houston	78	66	t-storm	Phoenix	65	44	sunny
Boston	39	32	snow	Los Angeles	61	47	sunny	San Francisco	54	46	rain
Chicago	54	32	windy	Miami	83	70	pt sunny	Seattle	42	36	mixed
Dallas	76	51	mst sunny	Minneapolis	35	26	snow	St. Louis	65	38	windy
Denver	51	29	sunny	New York	42	41	rain	Washington, DC	52	51	rain

Moon Phases

New Feb 21	First Mar 1	Full Mar 8	Last Mar 15

UV Index

Thu 3/1	Fri 3/2	Sat 3/3	Sun 3/4	Mon 3/5
3	4	4	5	5

Moderate Moderate Moderate Moderate Moderate
The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Lunch corner

Here's what local schools are serving Thursday, March 1

Elementary schools

Breakfast
Choice of scrambled eggs with toast, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch
Choice of soup of the day, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, grilled cheese, chef salad, broccoli and tomato with dip, fruit, cookie and milk.

Middle schools

Breakfast
Choice of cheesy scrambled eggs with toast, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch
Choice of wings with Texas toast, hot ham and cheese sandwich, sack lunch, soup and sandwich, taco salad, french fries, celery and carrots with dip, fruit, brownie and milk.

High school

Breakfast
Choice of pancake on a stick, breakfast bites, sausage biscuit, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast pastry or muffin, cereal and toast, juice or fruit and milk.

Lunch
Country Kitchen: Pasta bar, meatballs or grilled chicken, spaghetti sauce or Alfredo sauce, mixed vegetables, garlic bread.
Salad and More: Salad choice, soup and sensational sandwich, hummus, vegetables, fruit with pita chips.
Pizza line: Pizza choice.

Hot Zone: Cheeseburger, chili cheese hot dog, french fries, vegetable of the day.
Chicken and More: Hot and spicy chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, french fries, vegetable of the day.



PIKE

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ontribute none of the amount. A student from a family that can contribute nothing toward tuition and who has an ACT score of 18 and a grade point average of 3.0 could be expected to receive \$8,593 in student aid, excluding institutional awards and direct loan eligibility, he said.

The region the University of Pikeville would mainly serve consists of 12 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Leslie, Magoffin, Martin, Perry and Pike. Eight of those counties are in Morehead's service area: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin and Pike.

However, Andrews said, the network of four-year institutions already in place in eastern Kentucky is working. He cited a number of statistics to support that view.

Andrews said that in 2000-2001, only 7.1 percent of adults 25 or older in the re-



AP photo
Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and his wife Ann Romney wave at his election night party in Novi, Mich. Tuesday.

Twin wins boost Romney heading into Super Tuesday

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A relieved-sounding Mitt Romney is hoping to parlay twin victories in Arizona and Michigan into Super Tuesday momentum as the GOP presidential race sweeps across 10 states at once next week. After falling short of an upset, rival Rick Santorum faces stiffer competition for conservative votes when the contest moves into Newt Gingrich territory.

Gingrich, the former U.S. House speaker from Georgia, sat out Arizona and Michigan and is counting on Southern states voting Tuesday to revive his up-and-down campaign. Texas Rep. Ron Paul could also be a factor in Tuesday's delegate count, especially in caucus states such as North Dakota.

Romney's slim victory in his native Michigan — 41 percent to Santorum's 38 percent — raised questions about whether a shift in strategy is needed. He acknowledged making mistakes and said he was trying to "do better and work harder."

"We didn't win by a lot, but we won by enough," the former Massachusetts governor told cheering supporters in Michigan, where his father was governor in the 1960s.

Santorum boasted Wednesday that he was walking away with half of Michigan's delegates after coming close to winning what originally looked to be a Romney stronghold.

"We're feeling very good that we sustained ourselves and withstood the attacks, and we think we're going to have a very, very good Super Tuesday," Santorum said on Bill Bennett's syndicated radio show.

The former Pennsylvania senator is focusing on three big prizes among the 10 Super Tuesday states: Ohio, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Washington state's caucuses are first, on Saturday. Three days later comes Super Tuesday, with 419 delegates up for grabs. The contests also include Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Vermont and Vir-

ginia.

All four campaigns face financial strain: It would cost about \$5 million to run a week's worth of heavy ads across all the states that vote Tuesday.

Romney signaled that he intends to stick to his core campaign message of fixing the economy and reducing unemployment in a nation still recovering from the worst recession in decades. "More jobs, less debt and smaller government — you're going to hear that" over and over in the states ahead, he said Tuesday night.

Despite the close race in Michigan, Romney powered to an easy victory in Arizona, and the combined effect is precious momentum over Santorum in the most turbulent Republican presidential race in a generation. Romney tweeted his delight: "I take great pride in my Michigan roots, and am humbled to have received so much support here these past few weeks."

Airfares set to rise again

DALLAS (AP) — Airfares are up and headed higher this summer.

Airlines blame soaring fuel prices which could cost them billions more than last year. That means fares, which normally rise as the summer travel season nears, could increase faster than usual.

Airlines have already pushed through two price increases this year, and it's only February, when leisure travel is slow.

It's a sign of things to come.

"You'll see gradual increases and then a much bigger jump in April and May when people start shopping for the summer travel season," says Rick Seaney, CEO of travel website FareCompare.com.

The latest data on average fares show that Southwest charged \$140 each way during the fourth quarter, Jet-Blue charged \$156 and

United Continental charged \$270. Length of flight accounted for most of the difference — on a per-mile basis, prices were similar.

The average fare rose 9 percent between January 2011 and January 2012, according to Airlines for America, a trade group of the biggest carriers. Fuel is driving the increases. The spot price of jet fuel rose 18 percent over the same period, according to government figures.

Debris from Japanese tsunami nears Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — Lumber, boats and other debris ripped from Japanese coastal towns by tsunamis last year have spread across some 3,000 miles of the North Pacific, where they could wash ashore on remote islands north of Hawaii this winter.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimated the first bits of tsunami debris will make landfall soon on small atolls northwest of the main Hawaiian Islands. The rest of the debris was expected to reach the coasts of Oregon, Washington state, Alaska and Canada between March 2013 and March 2014.

NOAA's tsunami marine debris coordinator, Ruth Yender, told an online news conference Tuesday that agency workers were boarding Coast Guard flights that patrol the archipelago. NOAA also asked scientists stationed at Midway and other atolls to look for the debris.

Debris initially collected in a thick mass in the ocean after tsunamis dragged homes, boats, cars and other parts of daily life from coastal towns out to sea. Most likely sank not far from Japan's eastern coast.

In September, a Russian training ship spotted a refrigerator, a television set and other appliances west of Hawaii. By now, the debris has likely drifted so far apart that only one object can be seen at a time, said Nikolai Maximenko, a University of Hawaii researcher and ocean currents expert.

One to 2 million tons of debris remain in the ocean, but only one to 5 percent of

that could reach Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon, Washington state and Canada's British Columbia, Maximenko said. The tsunamis generated a total of 20 million to 25 million tons of debris, including what was left on land.

Yender said that so far, no debris confirmed to be from the tsunamis has landed on American shores, including large buoys suspected to be from Japanese oyster farms found in Alaska last year. The buoys would have had to travel faster than currents to get to Alaska at that time if they were set loose by the March 11 tsunamis.

Similar buoys have washed ashore in Alaska and the U.S. West Coast before the tsunami, she said.

Yender said there is little chance of any debris being contaminated by radiation. The debris came from a large swath of Japan's northeastern coast, not only near the tsunami-damaged nuclear power plant in Fukushima. Further, it was dragged out to sea with the tsunamis, not while the Fukushima plant experienced multiple meltdowns.

Nicholas Mallos, a conservation biologist and marine debris specialist for the Ocean Conservancy, said many of the objects in the debris were expected to be from Japan's fishing industry. That could pose a risk for wildlife, such as endangered Hawaiian monk seals, if fishing gear washes up on coral reefs or beaches.

"The major question is how much of that material has sank since last year, and how much of that remains afloat or still in the water column," Mallos said.

MOVE

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news articles about the case and the vigil staged outside the Clark County Courthouse in memory of Michaela Watkins and other victims of child abuse.

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Kentucky Lottery

These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Cash Ball: 7-21-28-29, Cash Ball: 15, Kicker: 4-2-2-0

Mega Millions: 6-15-29-39-51, Mega Ball: 36, Megaplier 3

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Eastern Kentucky University President Doug Whitlock also was supposed to have spoken on the issue at the hearing, but the committee ran out of time. Rep. Carl Rollins, D-Midway, the chairman of the committee, said he would have an opportunity to speak next week.

Whitlock said after the meeting, however, that he was keeping an open mind about the issue and that he wants to hear recommendations from a group of consultants hired by the state to study the proposal.

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What we can learn from this Jeremy Lin

CHICAGO — I admit that when I first saw the headline “Ben & Jerry’s apologizes for Jeremy Lin fortune cookie frozen yogurt,” I innocently wondered: “Why?”

I’d always heard that the fortune cookie was actually an American invention dating back to the early 1900s when Chinese restaurants started serving them at the end of meals. It made a certain sort of sense that the quirky company would honor the basketball player’s meteoric rise to fame by developing a product called “Taste the Lin-Sanity” — a vanilla frozen yogurt with crumbled fortune cookies and honey swirls. A nice homage to Lin’s American and Asian roots, right?

Wrong. Saturday, Ben & Jerry’s apologized on its Facebook page and BenJerry-Boston Twitter account: “We offer a heartfelt apology if anyone was offended. ... Our intention was to create a flavor to honor Jeremy,” and assured everyone that fortune cookies were out of the recipe.

I can’t tell if there had been more indignation before the ingredient was dropped — the Boston store’s general manager told The Boston Globe that “There seemed to be a bit of an initial backlash about it” — or after the change was publicized. But the result is the same: We now know better.

Watching Lin-sanity take root has been simultaneously uplifting and horrifying. Wonderful seeing a U.S.-born son or daughter of immigrants fulfill the promise of the American dream while being cheered on by basketball fans of every color and age. But a real drag to see racism against Asians and Asian-Americans that, let’s face it, hasn’t been as openly discussed as that against blacks and Hispanics.

Aside from outrage at the UCLA girl who made national headlines last winter when she complained on YouTube that Japanese students were bothering her by talking to family on their phones in the library during the aftermath of the tsunami, you don’t hear about it much, but it’s there.

Just ask anyone of Korean descent how many insensitive remarks they had to ignore after Kim Jong Il died last December. You could also ask Minhee Cho, a New Yorker who achieved a bit of Twitter fame last month after she tweeted a copy of her Papa John’s pizza receipt showing that the employee who had rung up her walk-in order typed in “lady chinky eyes” in place of her name.

Lin’s quiet dignity through abuse about his roots continues to this day as he is stereotyped by bumbling headline writers and any number of jerks who are proud of their insulting Asian-themed puns. Though he has become a hero to many for being a good basketball player and role model, his legacy might be in bringing attention to the overuse of language that insults the Asian-American community.

Absent Lin’s star power, few would have paid attention to the Asian American Journalists Association’s recent guidelines for news coverage of Lin and of Asian-Americans in general.

The advice is simple. First, stop and think. Also: Avoid discussion of athletic ability among races, get the difference between Asian and Asian-American right, do your homework about the country in question — in this case Taiwan, not China. And don’t even try to be cute with references to driving, eye shape, ethnic foods, martial arts, the color yellow or word plays involving broken English. Consider yourself informed.

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The GOP gender gap growing wider

WASHINGTON — If the gender gap becomes a chasm that swallows Republicans this fall, it will be no fluke. It will, however, have something to do with Sandra Fluke.

She’s the Georgetown University law student who was blocked by Chairman Darrell Issa from testifying about contraception before his House government-reform committee earlier this month. The result was an embarrassment of a panel in which five men testified against an administration plan to expand birth control coverage.

Now Democrats are turning Fluke into a feminist martyr. On Thursday, the student was surrounded by dozens of cameras as she sat before a pseudo-committee chaired by House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, a rump session designed entirely to exploit the Republicans’ mistake.

“Following your rejection by the Republicans from the panel,” Pelosi declared, “we’ve heard from over 300,000 people saying we want women’s voices to be heard.”

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., went an order of magnitude higher. “You certainly speak for millions,” he said.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., upwardly revised that further. “I know you’re speaking for tens of millions of women,” she informed Fluke. “Can you think of any reason why (Issa) would be so adamant that your voice should not be heard?”

“Chairman Issa’s head,” the young woman replied, “is somewhere I don’t want to go.”

It is tempting to speculate that Issa’s head contains some regret that his hearing, which

was supposed to be about an assault on religious freedom by President Obama, instead became a symbol of Republicans trying to take the pill away from women.

This is not a good position for Republicans. In a poll released Thursday by Quinnipiac University, voters by 82 percent to 12 percent said it is not wrong to use birth control.

Most Republicans say they have no interest in banning contraception and are focused on the narrower question of whether religious organizations should be forced to provide it. But judging from the reporters standing in the aisles to hear Fluke (the House Recording Studio’s refusal to broadcast the pseudo-hearing generated even more media attention), Republicans are losing the perception war.

“We almost ought to thank the chairman (Issa) for the, shall we say, lack of judgment that he had to arouse, to raise the awareness,” Pelosi said at the session, “because it’s been very hard over the years to convince people that the fight here has been about contraception.”

Actually, Pelosi might want to consider getting a bulk pack of thank-you cards. She should address some to Gov. Bob McDonnell and Republican legislators in Virginia who finally backed down from a much-ridiculed attempt to require women seeking an abortion to submit to an invasive “transvaginal ultrasound” probe.

Cards should also be sent to GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum, who believes that contraception hurts women, objects to the Supreme Court’s protection of birth control, complains about “radical feminists” encouraging women to work outside of the home, and doubts the worth of having women in combat.

This all has the potential to widen the gender gap in Democrats’ favor. A Pew Research

Center poll this month found that men, by 54 percent to 40 percent, favored the birth-control exemption for religious groups, while only 42 percent of women favored it, with 48 percent opposed.

Democrats are doing all they can to cement their advantage among women. They packed Thursday’s hearing with friendly spectators and displayed a poster-size photo of the men testifying at Issa’s hearing.

The 24-year-old Fluke spoke with poise as she described a friend at Georgetown who was taking birth-control pills to control ovarian cysts but had to stop because the cost was too high. “She had to have surgery to remove her entire ovary as a result,” Fluke said. “She’s been experiencing night sweats, weight gain and other symptoms of early menopause.”

Cummings invited her to comment on Issa’s description of her as merely an “energized” college student lacking qualifications.

“Well, I will confirm that I was energized,” Fluke said. As for her qualifications, “I’m an American woman who uses contraception. ... That makes me qualified to talk to my elected officials about my health care needs.”

It was just the spectacle the lawmakers had planned. “If we had gone to central casting to find a representative to speak for American women,” Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton informed Fluke, “we could not have done better than you.” Moments later, the lawmakers joined the audience in the unusual act of standing to applaud a witness.

It was quite a performance. The question is why Republicans keep giving their opponents so many opportunities to put on a show.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Drug testing for public assistance would be a nightmare

It’s a safe and cynical election year play for incumbent lawmakers: Add your name as a sponsor to “popular” legislation that you know won’t go anywhere. The reason the legislation won’t go anywhere — hopefully — is because it’s bad.

Such is the case with House Bill 26.

Sponsored by retiring state Rep. Lonnie Napier, R-Lancaster, and 59 others, HB 26 would require the drug testing of people who receive public assistance. Despite its bipartisan support — 34 of the sponsors are Republicans and 26 are Democrats — this legislation is all wrong for several reasons.

Republicans should oppose the expansion of government that the passage of this bill would create. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services would either have to create a pee-in-the-cup department or would have to contract out that work.

People who test positive would have to

pay the state for the privilege of taking the test. They get their money refunded if the test comes back negative. Hmmm, citizens poor enough to qualify for state aid would be asked to pay money they don’t have for a test they don’t want. A state employee, or department, would have to oversee this financial arrangement as well.

And how would the state handle the false-positive results that could occur? Likely an appeals process or board of some sort would have to be set up.

Though HB 26 was not filed with a fiscal impact statement, it’s sure to cost us taxpayers something, which is more than we can afford right now.

To protect children, the proposed legislation says a benefit recipient who tests positive for drugs could assign another adult to use his or her benefits on behalf of his or her children. Again, CHFS would have to set up a structure (read: create another department) to track potential benefit reassessment.

The cabinet also would be required to monitor the alleged drug users for their participation in substance abuse treatment. All this would cost something — state reimbursement to providers, another records-keeping department at CHFS. Again, we don’t know, because no fiscal impact statement has been filed. ...

... All lawmakers of both parties should oppose HB 26 for the privacy it would invade and on the philosophical premise that it presumes guilt. ...

As far as we know, the state does not have definitive numbers on how many people who receive benefits use illegal drugs. Do we even know if there’s a problem? ...

HB 26 has been sitting in the House Health and Welfare Committee since Jan. 3.

That’s a good sign... This panel needs to keep doing what it’s doing with this bill: Let it die right where it is.

The Kentucky Gazette, Frankfort, Feb. 27

Time to get down: Weigh Down competition begins March 14

The Winchester Weigh Down begins in just 14 days! You can find registration, weigh-in sites, classes and more about the Winchester Weigh Down on the web at www.winchesterweighdown.com



Jennifer Howard

Did you know that most Kentuckians are not as active as they should be? As a matter of fact, only 29 percent of Kentuckians get enough physical activity, making Kentucky one of the least active states in the nation.

Research suggests that adding moderate physical activity to your lifestyle may

be the single most important thing you can do to feel better and to decrease your risk of disease such as heart disease, diabetes, some types of cancers and osteoporosis. Regular physical activity can also help manage blood pressure, lower cholesterol and help with weight loss.

How much should you exercise? To reduce the risk of chronic disease, at least 30 minutes every day. If you are looking to manage your weight and prevent weight gain, 60 minutes for most days is recommended.

For some people, just 30

minutes a day can seem pretty overwhelming. Divide your activity up into 10 minutes segments, 10 minutes in the morning, 10 minutes at lunch and 10 minutes in the evening.

As we get ready to start the Winchester Weigh Down, think about what physical activity you will add to your day. Walking is one of the most popular forms of exercise and it's free and can be done by most people.

Sekisui, LLC and the Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting the American Heart Association beginning at noon Wednesday, March 7 as they present "How to Start a Walking Program" at the Extension Office.

Join us as we go through the "steps" of warming up, foot care and more.

Be sure to wear your walking shoes, we'll be taking a walk on the Garden Walk Trail located at the Extension Office.

Don't forget to follow us on the web with our Taste of the Month. Best buys for March are broccoli and dried beans.

This week's recipe features creamy broccoli soup.

Just follow the links at Taste of the Month located at <http://ces.ca.uky/edu/clark>.

For more information on the March 7 walking program, or the Winchester Weigh Down, contact the Clark County Extension

Office at 744-4682.

Jennifer Howard is the Clark County Extension Service agent for family and consumer sciences.



Birth announcements

MAYCN DOMINIC CLARK

Tyson Clark and Allison Fuller announce the birth of their son, Maycn Dominic Clark.

He was born Jan. 10 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

His grandparents are Karen and Greg Fuller, Lisa Clark and Charles Graven of Lawton, Okla.

HAILEY DAWN HAMILTON

Thomas and Rebecca Hamilton announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Dawn Hamilton.

She was born Jan. 27 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

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Her grandparents are Nancy Brandenburg and Charles and Virginia Hamilton.

KENNLEY LARAI DAWSON

April Dawson of Paris announces the birth of her daughter, Kennley LaRai Dawson.

She was born Jan. 9 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandmother is Cathy Dawson.

GABRIELLE ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER

Gabrielle Rife and James

Shoemaker announce the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Elizabeth Shoemaker.

She was born Jan. 26 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are Billy and Trish Shoemaker.

LANDYN STRAUDDER SETH CLEM

Austin Planck and Brittany Clem announce the birth of their son, Landyn Straudder Seth Clem.

He was born Feb. 7 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

His grandparents are Troy and Cindy Clem, Brad Planck and Ronnie and Rachel

Thomas.

KHLOE SYLVIA TYRA

Tina Tyra of Campton announces the birth of her daughter, Khloe Sylvia Tyra.

She was born Feb. 2 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are Monroe and Sybil Tyra and Rosa Caldwell, all of Campton.

ABBYGAIL A. BISHOP

Glenn and Shelly Bishop of Stanton announce the birth of their daughter, Abbygail A. Bishop.

She was born Feb. 10 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are Harold and Sandra Bishop of Stanton and Tony and Carrol Shortridge of Clay City.

Special Deliveries

Look for our newest citizens on our Communities Page - A5

The Winchester Sun

25 Years Ago

Feb. 29, 1987

Poster contest winners for Odell Gross School's Winter Carnival recently were announced. They are Becky Damron, Brian Carpenter, Barbara Nichols, Katie Willoughby, Whitney McGlothen, Susan Berryman, Sharon Haney, Brandon Slaughter, Riley Griffith, Bradlee Burtner, Wes Burtner, Tara Hollon, Chad Johnson, Stacey Rye, Ashley Castle, Kari Beth Spencer, Amanda Brumagen and Clifton Johnson. The carnival is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Anes, 211 Southwind Ave., will quietly observe their 62nd wedding anniversary March 2.

Mr. Anes and the former Vertia Brandenburg were married March 2, 1925 in Beattyville. Mrs. Anes is a retired state employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Anes have a son, Russell Anes, of Clark County. Another son, Gene Anes, is deceased.

Past presidents of the Parent-Teacher Association

were recognized at the February PTA meeting at Shearer School. Gifts were presented to the following, who served as presidents from 1972 to 1986: Roberta Skinner, Harriet Conner, Margaret Baber, Margaret Parido, Charlene Clark, Arlene Jacobsen, Diana Combs, Shirley Brandenburg, Marlene South, Wanda McCord, Bonnie Seibert, Janet Howard and Sandie Hisle, immediate past president.

Following the presentation, kindergarten students, directed by their teachers, Mrs. Edna Wirtley, Mrs. Virginia Croucher, Mrs. Cheryl Ringer and Mrs. Margaret Prater, presented an exercise program.

Scott Falmlen returned to his home in Washington, D.C., Sunday following a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Falmlen, Boone Avenue, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Arthur Adams has returned to her home here following a January visit with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Walton, Long Beach, Calif.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FASTER, FASTER, FASTER, UNTIL THE THRILL OF SPEED OVERCOMES THE FEAR OF DEATH. — HUNTER THOMPSON

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Community Calendar

TODAY

— Shearer Elementary School-based Council training for principal selection, 3-6 p.m., in the school library.

— "Portraits: Mentoring the Arts," opening reception, Winchester Opera House Gallery, 5-8 p.m., featuring portraits of Central Elementary students by George Rogers Clark High School advanced art students.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

— George Rogers Clark High School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 4:30 p.m., in the school library.

— MS Self Help group meeting, 5 p.m., Gaunces.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

— Shearer Elementary School principal selection parent feedback/survey, 6-8 p.m., in the school library.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

— Clark County Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner, 6 p.m., Winchester Country Club. For tickets, call 749-7937.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

— Democratic Woman's Club of Clark County meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clark County Public Library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

— Community Education belly dance class, 6:15-7:30 p.m., \$6/class, College Park Library.

— TLC meeting, 1 p.m., D.J.'s.

— Shearer Elementary School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 3:15 p.m., at the school, to establish final principal candidate criteria/profile. PTO meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

— Boonesboro Lioness Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Brown's Forest Grove Grocery.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

— Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary celebration, Clark County Courthouse, 5 p.m., sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 492.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

— Clark County Writers Group meeting, 6-8 p.m., Clark County Public Library, 370 S. Burns Ave. The public is invited.

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are



The past year has been a good one for Kentucky beef cattle producers with the state registering more than 2.15 million beef cattle and calves in the state Jan. 1. Prices have continued to climb to levels some farmers say they've never seen before. But while prices have risen, the number of cattle being produced has not, as the state has seen a decline in the number of beef cattle of about 40,000 head.

Beef cattle production on the rise

Ashland (AP) — Kentucky farmers are bullish on beef cattle. With prices climbing and exports increasing, raising beef cattle has become one of the bright spots in Kentucky's agriculture economy. Ironically, instead of spurring more beef production, the higher prices are actually encouraging some beef farmers to sell their herds on the theory that it is wise to quit while you're ahead. However, the experts agree that now is a good time to raise beef cattle. While it may come as a surprise to those of us who live in a corner of the state where few beef cows are raised, Kentucky is the largest beef producing state east of the Mississippi River, topping farm states like Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Overall, Kentucky ranks eighth in the nation in beef production with neighboring Tennessee right behind in ninth place. There were an estimated 2.15 million beef cattle and calves in Kentucky on Jan. 1, more than double the number in Tennessee. Yet despite the good profits

farmers are realizing from beef cattle, the number of beef cattle in the state declined by 40,000 in 2011. Mike Bach, a beef cattle producer in Bath County just west of Morehead, said he's preparing to sell about 80 heifers and 60 calves. It's looming as quite a payday for the 65-year-old farmer who has seen plenty of ups and downs in the industry. "We never have seen prices like this," said Bach, president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association. "These are uncharted waters for the average farmer. And we just don't know where it's going to end." Supply-and-demand trends seem to be working in the favor of producers. U.S. cattle herds are at their lowest numbers in decades, reducing the risk of an oversupply that would drive down market prices, Bach said. But with sky-high prices, many farmers aren't willing take a long-term gamble to build up their herds, he said. Dave Maples, executive vice president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, said he saw calves

weighing between 700 and 750 pounds fetching about \$1,100 per head at a recent auction at Bourbon County. "We've never had that kind of price," he said. "It's historical." U.S. cattle and calf stocks totaled 90.8 million at the start of this year, representing the lowest nationwide inventory since 1952, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Charles Hord, executive vice president of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, said one of the reasons beef production is appealing is that it can be done part-time. In fact, the vast majority of Tennessee producers have what Hord calls "town jobs." That's also true of farmers in this part of Kentucky. While many area landowners dabble in farming and supplement their incomes by rising livestock and crops, there are few full-time farmers in this area. The mild winter also has been kind to beef farmers. Bach said he didn't start feeding hay and silage to his herd until December because mild temperatures

and steady rain kept his pastures going longer than usual. That was quite a turnaround from 2010, when he started feeding hay to his cattle in mid-August as a severe drought dried up his pastures. Although production prices keep rising for fuel, fertilizer and other necessities, Hord admits that times are good for beef farmers. "We're way above our comfort zone," he said. To be sure, a strong market for beef cattle will have little direct impact on the economy of this region, but it is a positive all of us in Kentucky. After all, the increased profits farmers are realizing from cattle is bound to generate more tax revenue for Kentucky. And since this state has yet to fully recover from what now have been dubbed the Great Recession, it needs all the revenue it can get just to continue to adequately fund existing programs. And anytime state and local governments can increase their revenue without hiking tax rates, it is a sure sign of an improving economy.

Aquaculture workshop covers basics and more

For those interested in dipping their toes into aquaculture, Kentucky Cooperative Extension will offer a workshop, Aquaculture Basics, on Saturday, March 10 at the Kentucky State University Aquaculture Research Center in Frankfort. Welcome and sign-in will begin at 8:15 a.m. EST, and presentations will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until noon.

"I encourage the general public, farmers, pond owners and land owners to attend if they have any interest in starting an aquaculture enterprise. This will be a good, basic overview for those who are not likely to be familiar with aquaculture," said William Wurts, senior state specialist for aquaculture with Kentucky State University. "However, the workshop will be open to anyone who is interested in brushing up their skills."

Speakers will include Wurts; Forrest Wynne, state specialist for aquaculture in Graves County; Bob Durborow, KSU professor and state specialist for aquaculture, and Charlie Shultz, a KSU graduate student in aquaculture. He is originally from St. Croix, where he researched aquaponics for 13 years at the University of the Virgin Islands. Aquaponics involve the production of edible plants in combination with fish or other aquatic animals. Wurts will speak about fundamental stocking and feeding practices for the types of aquaculture that can be practiced in Kentucky, as well as the basic aspects of water quality that are critical for pond management. Wynne will give a basic overview of the various aquaculture production systems,

including pond site selection and construction with brief looks at watershed and levee style ponds. Durborow will discuss the species that are suitable for Kentucky aquaculture. "I often steer people in the direction of catfish, largemouth bass or tilapia culture," Durborow said. "The first two are raised in open ponds while tilapia are raised in cages." Shultz will present an introduction to food production using aquaponic systems and guidelines for producers.

Kentucky Cooperative Extension will also offer an aquatic plant and algae-control training program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Friday, March 9 at the same location. Discussion topics will include aquatic plant and algae identification, methods of control and herbicide and algicide use. The program will emphasize proper chemical selection and application techniques, applicator safety and recordkeeping. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has approved this aquatic weed-control program for three specific hours for category 5 credit and two general hours for categories 10 and 12. Both workshops are free and open to the public. Preregistration is not required, but to be assured of receiving workshop printed materials, those wishing to attend should contact either Wurts at 270-365-7541, ext. 200 or wwurts@uky.edu or Wynne at 270-247-2334 or fwynne@email.uky.edu. For additional information, please contact the Clark County Extension Service at 744-4682.



Frank Hicks

Life on the Trail: Wagon train lets club members enjoy slow-paced travel, adventure

By Susie Laun
The Advocate-Messenger

PARKSVILLE — Watermelon, water, grass and a place to park their wagons were all some people needed to stop for the night. Junie Boyd made his farm on Harberson Lane home to 34 wagons and their riders Wednesday night. The wagon train stopped at Boyd's farm on its way to Renfro Valley. This is the fourth year riders have stopped at Boyd's,

and Lawrenceburg resident Charlie "C.J." Brown said it's the hospitality and the good grass that keep them coming back each year. Brown is a member of the Kentucky Trail Blazers, a club that enjoys wagon rides and raising horses. From April to October, members go on as many as two or three wagon rides a month, including a week-long ride that takes them through Danville before reaching Renfro Valley for its Harvest Festival. This wagon ride will last as many as 19

days for some of the riders, longer if the weather doesn't cooperate. The ride began Monday in Shelby County, with stops in Danville and Crab Orchard on the way to Renfro Valley. After Renfro Valley, some riders will make the trip to Barbourville before heading home. Having the wagon riders on his farm gives Boyd a chance for fellowship and conversation with strangers and friends alike. "I like to see people come and enjoy themselves," he said.

For the riders, the trip is the opportunity to spend time with family and friends and enjoy nature. Campers will rough it until Friday when they'll get the first opportunity for a real shower. "It's a rat race to the shower," Lawrenceburg resident Gwen Holt said, laughing. The wagons will travel mostly on secondary roads and spend the next couple of days enjoying the scenery, company and festivals. "We're making memories," Holt said.

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Excauation work for the new Clark County elementary school is currently underway behind Central Elementary School on Mount Sterling Road. The work is being done by Frederick & May Construction of West Liberty. The new elementary school will cost \$13 million to build and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2013.

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Intense storms leave 1 dead in the Midwest

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — A powerful storm system bearing a string of possible tornadoes left at least one person dead and dozens injured as it tore roofs from buildings, upturned trailers and wreaked chaos across a broad swath of the Midwest.

Forecasters had predicted conditions ripe for tornadoes before the storms broke out around midnight Tuesday, saving most of their furor for Kansas and Missouri. High winds, severe storms and tornadoes were possible in several southern states as the system tracked eastward today.

An apparent tornado left a trail of destruction in the tourist hub of Branson, where the storm seemed to have hop-

scotched up Highway 76, scattering the area with debris, uprooting road signs, and heavily damaging buildings in the city's famous theater district.

Skaggs Regional Medical Center in Branson treated 32 people in its emergency department in the hours after the storm, mostly for cuts and bruises, said Michelle Leroux, spokeswoman for the hospital. Power was out at two non-clinical buildings but otherwise the hospital was operating normally, Leroux said.

Jennifer Verhaalen, a long-term resident at the Hillbilly Inn Motel in downtown Branson, said she saw a white funnel cloud followed by a wall of rain as the storm closed in on the town around 1 a.m. this morning.

Passengers on cruise ship fly to Rome

VICTORIA, Seychelles (AP) — A disabled cruise ship being towed to the Seychelles' main port is expected to arrive Thursday morning — three days after the ship lost power and began drifting in the Indian Ocean. An aviation official said passengers would begin flying to Rome within hours after arrival at port.

The Genoa, Italy-based Costa said the Allegra is being towed to the Seychelles' main port and is expected to arrive at about 9 a.m. local time Thursday, a little later than reported earlier.

Three planes with a seating capacity of at least 580 passengers were lined up to fly the passengers of the cruise ship Costa Allegra back to Rome, Gilbert Faure, the chief executive of the Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority said Wednesday.

He said the first plane is tentatively scheduled to leave Thursday afternoon. "It could all depend because they have been at sea for three days. They may want to take a shower, we are not sure," Faure said, adding later:

"I can assure you that we are doing our

best to ensure that they have a nice few hours in the Seychelles."

Costa said soft drinks and cold food such as fruit, cold cuts, cheeses and fresh bread are available to passengers, along with mineral water for personal hygiene needs. They said the situation is "regular" and the weather is good.

The Costa Allegra lost power Monday after a fire broke out in its generator room, setting the Italian cruise ship adrift in a region where Somali pirates have long been active.



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Prosecutor: Ohio shooting suspect is 'not well'

CHARDON, Ohio (AP) — The Ohio teenager accused of killing three students in a shooting rampage in a high school cafeteria chose his victims at random and is "someone who's not well," a prosecutor said Tuesday as the slightly built young man appeared in juvenile court.

T.J. Lane, 17, admitted taking a .22-caliber pistol and a knife to Chardon High and firing 10 shots at a group of students sitting at a cafeteria table Monday morning, Prosecutor David Joyce said. He said Lane didn't know the victims.

Lane will probably be charged with three counts of aggravated murder and other offenses, the prosecutor said.

A thin figure with short dark hair, Lane seemed small next to the sheriff's deputies who led him into court, and said little more than "Yes, sir" in response to questions from the judge.

His face twitched lightly while the prosecutor recounted the attack, and he sniffled and half-closed his eyes as he left the courtroom under guard.

The hearing came hours after the death toll rose to three, and as schoolmates and townspeople grappled with the tragedy and wondered what could have set off Lane, a young man described by other students as extremely quiet, with few if any friends.

The court appearance did little to solve the mystery. Afterward, though, the prosecu-

tor appeared to rule out rumors and speculation that the gunman lashed out after being bullied or that the shooting had something to do with drug-dealing.

"He chose his victims at random. This is not about bullying. This is not about drugs," Joyce said. "This is someone who's not well, and I'm sure in our court case we'll prove that to all of your desires and we'll make sure justice is done here in this county."

Joyce would not elaborate. Both sides in the case are under a gag order imposed by the judge at the prosecutor's request.

Lane's grandfather, who has custody of the teenager, and two aunts joined him in court; the women reached over and lightly embraced the grandfather as the hearing began.

Judge Timothy Grendell ordered the boy held for at least 15 days. Prosecutors have until Thursday to bring charges against him and are expected to ask that he be tried as an adult.


In addition to imposing the gag order, the judge barred media outlets from taking photos of the faces of the suspect and some of his relatives.

The Associated Press transmitted photos and video of Lane, a young man described by other students as extremely quiet, with few if any friends. The AP and at least one other media outlet, The Plain Dealer of Cleveland, plans to challenge the judge's order today.

February stroll



James Mann/jmann@winchestersun.com
Dustin Bear and his daughter, Kyrie Bear, take a walk on what normally is the last day of February Tuesday afternoon on College Street. Temperatures topped out in the low 60s, bringing people out to enjoy the pre-spring weather.



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Vanderbilt 77,
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — John Jenkins hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points, and Vanderbilt beat No. 16 Florida 77-67 on Tuesday night to clinch a first-round bye in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The Commodores (21-9, 10-5) outshot the nation's top 3-point shooting team behind Jenkins, and he easily topped his average of 3.9 3-pointers by hitting his first five from beyond the arc. They are tied with Florida for second in the SEC with one game left in the regular season.

Vanderbilt, which snapped a four-game losing streak to the Gators, can finish no worse than third in the SEC going into its finale Saturday at Tennessee. Jeffery Taylor added 18 points and Festus Ezeli had 11.

Bradley Beal scored 16 points, Erving Walker 15, Kenny Boynton 11 for Florida (22-8, 10-5), which has lost two straight. The Gators wrap up the regular season at home against No. 1 Kentucky.

Mississippi 77,
Arkansas 75

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Terrance Henry's three-point play with 8.2 seconds remaining lifted Ole Miss to a 77-75 win over Arkansas on Tuesday night.

Henry finished with 19 points to lead the Rebels, who trailed by as many as 15 points in the second half before rallying. It was the second straight win for Ole Miss (17-12, 7-8 Southeastern) after a three-game losing streak.

Jarvis Summers added 17 points, scoring 16 in the second half, and Murphy Holloway had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Rebels.

The Razorbacks (18-12, 6-9) led 55-40 midway through the second half before faltering and falling to 17-3 at Bud Walton Arena this season. The loss was Arkansas' third in a row at home after opening the season 17-0.

BJ Young led the Razorbacks with 19 points.

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10th Region Tournament Preview

Cardinals seek repeat



George Rogers Clark coach Scott Humphrey, above, and senior guard Bopper Stenzel, right, swept 10th Region honors. Humphrey was named region coach of the year and Stenzel was named player of the year. The Cardinals open the 10th Region Tournament against Augusta at 6 p.m. Friday night at the MCHS Arena in Mount Sterling.

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10th
REGION
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Thursday's games
6 p.m.
Pendleton Co. (18-13)
vs. Mont. Co. (22-10)
7:30 p.m.
Mason Co. (16-13)
vs. Scott High (15-14)
Friday's games
6 p.m.
G. Rogers Clark (27-5)
vs. Augusta (19-12)
7:30 p.m.
Campbell Co. (18-12)
vs. Deming (12-20)

Saturday's games
5 p.m.
Pendleton
County-Montgomery
County winner vs.
Mason-Scott winner
8:30 p.m.
Clark-Augusta winner
vs. Campbell-Deming
winner

March 6
7 p.m., finals

Clark ready to defend regional title

By Keith Taylor
The Winchester Sun

George Rogers Clark is set to defend it 10th Region title and coach Scott Humphrey feels good about his team's chances of making a second straight trip to the Sweet Sixteen.

"I love this team and it's just a special group Humphrey said. "You take on the personality of your seniors and this group knows how to take care of business."

One of those seniors — Taylor Howard — scored 19 points in a 55-38 win over neighboring Montgomery County in the finals of the 40th District Tournament last Thursday. The victory gave Clark its seventh consecutive district crown.

Howard, who hadn't played since his freshman season, competed in the YMCA Prep Basketball League last season, returned the court for his senior campaign and has been giving the team a lift down the stretch.

The team's first assignment is a 6 p.m. contest against Augusta Friday night in the opening round. The Panthers (19-12) just missed out on a potential upset in the finals of the 39th District Tournament last week, dropping a 72-71 setback to Mason County.

Clark (27-5) has spent the past several days fine-tuning its skills behind the scenes in preparation for the tournament.

"The way the draw is set up, we just can't sit around and wait to play," Humphrey said. "We have to work to get better and there's a lot of things we need to shore up before we play for the region title."

Host Montgomery County (22-10) will take on Pendleton County (18-13) at 6 p.m. Thursday to open the four-day event. Montgomery is in the upper bracket with Mason County (16-13) and Scott (15-14). The Indians lost to Clark in last week's district finale and coach Tony Wise said taking care of the little things will

result in a successful run for his team.

"When we take good shots and run the floor, we have to have all five (players) rebounding because of our size," the Montgomery County coach said.

"When we don't do that we're average, but when we do that, we're very good. It just comes down to basic fundamentals. You hate to talk about that 32 games into the year, but that's where we are."

Wise added that his team's not looking ahead to a potential rematch with the Cardinals in the region finals.

"We've been very good on focusing on what's next at hand," he said.

The Clark-Augusta winner will take on the Campbell County-Deming winner in the semifinals at 8:30 p.m. Saturday night in Mount Sterling. The first semifinal contest is slated for 5 p.m. Saturday.

The finals are set for 7 p.m. Tuesday night at the MCHS Arena.

Cal wants MKG to focus on present

By Larry Vaught
The Advocate-Messenger

LEXINGTON — Kentucky coach John Calipari said Monday on the Southeastern Conference coaches teleconference that he's not ready to debate whether freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist will or will not be back at UK next year.

"Right now I want him worried about our team, being the best college player and team we can be. Right now he is not worried about

that and I'm not worried about it. We are just worried about our team right now."

Kidd-Gilchrist said after Saturday's win over Kentucky that he was "staying all four years as of now" and was "dead serious" about it. "I am going to graduate here. I am not going anywhere. I am staying at Kentucky," Kidd-Gilchrist said.

Calipari said he agrees with Kidd-Gilchrist getting his degree from Kentucky.

"Basketball-wise, wait until the year is out and we will figure out where it all is. He is a

young freshman," Calipari said. "If he wants to stay, I will be very happy. But in the same sense, it's too early to tell. My thing now is just be a great college player."

Kidd-Gilchrist was named SEC Freshman of the Week after averaging 13 points, nine rebounds and two assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.5 steals in wins at Mississippi State and over Vanderbilt last week.

Kidd-Gilchrist is being projected as a lottery pick if he opts to leave UK.

See MKG, B2

Next game:
Georgia
at Kentucky
When:
Thursday
Time: 9 p.m.
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NASCAR opener,
fireball a big hit

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Want to capture the nation's attention? Try a giant fireball.

It certainly worked for NASCAR, which salvaged its marquee event despite the first ever rainout in 54 runnings of The Great American Race.

The first primetime Daytona 500 in NASCAR history was a win for Fox — its highest-rated Monday night audience since Game 5 of the 2010 World Series — with 36.5 million viewers, up 22 percent from 30 million last year.

And NASCAR surprisingly continued its momentum from last season, partly because of the freak crash in which Juan Pablo Montoya's car hit a truck loaded with jet fuel, injuring no one but scorching the track

and forcing a two-hour delay.

If there was any doubt NASCAR successfully reached a mainstream audience, sports talk radio personality Jim Rome dispelled it Tuesday afternoon when he said the race was more entertaining than any Monday night NFL game.

Rome was particularly fascinated by track workers using laundry detergent to clean up the fuel fire.

"Dudes needed to hit that track with some Tide, make it smell April-fresh," Rome said on air. "We're talking NASCAR, like it or not."

Things certainly didn't seem to be headed toward a successful show on Sunday when a steady rain at Daytona International Speedway washed out NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

Still going 'Strong'



Guy Strong recorded his eighth hole-in-one at Southwind Golf Course Monday afternoon. Strong aced No. 15 for 145 yards with a No. 5 hybrid. Billy Todd witnessed Strong's shot. Strong also recorded aces in Owensboro, Oklahoma and at Cassell Creek Golf Course. He has made four hole-in-one shots at Southwind Golf Course. Strong took advantage of the warmer temperatures this week and played a couple of rounds. The former George Rogers Clark coach plays more often in the summer months. "I play a lot (of) golf in good weather." Following his ace, Strong was back in full swing Tuesday morning.

Scoreboard

Prep Basketball

Tuesday's Scores
The Associated Press
BOYS BASKETBALL
6th Region
First Round
Bullitt East 61, Lou. Fairdale 52
Lou. Butler 68, Lou. Southern 57
Lou. Moore 53, Lou. Doss 46
Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park 71, Lou. Jeffersontown 65, OT
7th Region
First Round
Lou. Ballard 70, Lou. DuPont Manual 56
Lou. Central 64, Lou. Eastern 61
Lou. St. Xavier 50, Lou. Seneca 36
Lou. Trinity 63, Lou. Male 44
16th Region
First Round
West Carter 45, Greenup Co. 38
GIRLS BASKETBALL
1st Region
First Round
Murray 53, Carlisle Co. 22
Paducah Tilghman 52, Ballard Memorial 39
2nd Region
First Round
Henderson Co. 61, Lyon Co. 31
Hopkinsville 30, Madisonville-North Hopkins 14
4th Region
First Round
Bowling Green 63, Russellville 31
8th Region
First Round
Owen Co. 51, Oldham Co. 34

Walton-Verona 51, Collins 42
9th Region
First Round
Notre Dame 13, Highlands 8
Ryle 72, Dixie Heights 38
10th Region
First Round
Bracken Co. 53, Harrison Co. 48
Montgomery Co. 51, Bishop Brossart 38
11th Region
First Round
Lex. Bryan Station 46, Franklin Co. 39
Madison Central 43, Lexington Catholic 33
12th Region
First Round
Casey Co. 50, Burgin 43
Wayne Co. 55, Danville 51
13th Region
First Round
Bell Co. 64, Knox Central 50
Clay Co. 49, Corbin 33
14th Region
First Round
Knott Co. Central 63, Powell Co. 42
Perry Co. Central 70, Jackson City 46
15th Region
First Round
Betsy Layne 61, Pikeville 49
Paintsville 45, Pike Co. Central 37, OT

SEC Women

Southeastern Conference
At Bridgestone Arena

Nashville, Tenn.
First Round
Thursday, March 1
Florida vs. Auburn, 1 p.m.
Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 3:30 p.m.
Arkansas vs. Mississippi, 7:30 p.m.
South Carolina vs. Alabama, 10 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Friday, March 2
Kentucky vs. Florida-Auburn winner, 1 p.m.
Tennessee vs. Vandy-Mississippi State winner, 3:30 p.m.
LSU vs. Arkansas-Mississippi winner, 7:30 p.m.
Georgia vs. South Carolina-Alabama winner, 10 p.m.
Semifinals
Saturday, March 3
Kentucky - Florida-Auburn winner vs. Tennessee-Vanderbilt-Mississippi State winner, 4 p.m.
LSU-Arkansas-Mississippi winner vs. Georgia-South Carolina-Alabama winner, 6 p.m.
Championship
Sunday, March 4
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

College Basketball

Tuesday's College Basketball Major Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Providence 72, UConn 70
West Virginia 92, DePaul 75
MIDWEST
Indiana 70, Michigan St. 55
SOUTHWEST
Kansas St. 76, Texas A&M 70
Mississippi 77, Arkansas 75
TOURNAMENT
Horizon League

First Round
Butler 70, Wright St. 52
Detroit 80, Loyola of Chicago 71
Milwaukee 68, Ill.-Chicago 55
Youngstown St. 77, Green Bay 60

Top 25 Fared
The Associated Press

Tuesday
1. Kentucky (28-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
2. Syracuse (29-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Louisville, Saturday.
3. Kansas (25-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
4. Duke (25-4) at Wake Forest. Next: vs. No. 6 North Carolina, Saturday.
5. Michigan State (24-6) lost to No. 18 Indiana 70-55. Next: vs. No. 10 Ohio State, Sunday.
6. North Carolina (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland, Wednesday.
7. Missouri (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
8. Marquette (24-5) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
9. Baylor (25-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
10. Ohio State (23-6) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
11. Georgetown (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Marquette, Saturday.
12. Murray State (28-1) did not play. Next: OVC semifinals, Friday.
13. Michigan (21-8) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
14. Wisconsin (22-8) beat Minnesota 52-45. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.

15. Wichita State (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana State or Southern Illinois, Friday.
16. Florida (22-7) at Vanderbilt. Next: vs. No. 1 Kentucky, Sunday.
17. UNLV (24-6) did not play. Next: at Colorado State, Wednesday.
18. Indiana (23-7) beat No. 5 Michigan State 70-55. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.
19. Louisville (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Wednesday.
20. Notre Dame (20-10) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Friday.
21. San Diego State (22-6) did not play. Next: at TCU, Thursday.
22. Florida State (19-9) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Virginia, Thursday.
23. Temple (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. UMass, Wednesday.
24. Virginia (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Florida State, Thursday.
25. Creighton (25-5) did not play. Next: vs. Drake or Bradley, Friday.

NBA

Tuesday's Games
Boston 86, Cleveland 83
Indiana 102, Golden State 78
Philadelphia 97, Detroit 68
Chicago 99, New Orleans 95
Houston 88, Toronto 85
Milwaukee 119, Washington 118
New Jersey at Dallas, (n)
Utah at Sacramento, (n)
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, (n)

On the Air

Today
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Maryland at North Carolina
ESPN2 — Marquette at Cincinnati
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Texas
NBA
9 p.m.
ESPN — Chicago at San Antonio

Local Sports

Today
GIRLS BASKETBALL
10th Region Tournament
at Campbell County Middle School
6 p.m.
Campbell County vs. Mason County
7:30 p.m.
Montgomery County
vs. Bracken County

Thursday
BOYS BASKETBALL
10th Region Tournament
at the MCHS Arena
6 p.m.
Pendleton County vs. Montgomery County
7:30 p.m.
Mason County vs. Covington Scott
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
9 p.m.
Georgia at Kentucky

MKG

FROM PAGE B1

Edward Isaacson of NBADraftBlog.com says Kidd-Gilchrist's answer did not surprise him because players don't know yet what they will do.
"It's easy for kid's to say that they want to stay in school when wrapped up in the middle of the college game day atmosphere. Would I be shocked if he really did end up staying? Not at all," Isaacson said. "However, considering he is pretty much a lock as a top-10 pick, and could go as high as the top five, he and his family will have a tough choice.
"Personally, I think he falls

in the six to 10 range of the draft, while others say as high as three. I appreciate the all-out effort and tenacity he brings, but skill-wise he still has a long way to go."
Calipari noted how many players he's had leave early the previous two years who have told him they wished they had stayed longer at Kentucky before going to the NBA.
"These freshmen would love to be here four years, but if the opportunity arises ... just like Bill Gates said he was done with school and chased his dreams and changed the world. Steve Jobs did the same thing," the Kentucky coach said. "We will look at the opportunities and figure out what is right."

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Future stars

The Winchester Civitan Basketball League ended its season last weekend at College Park Gym. The Warriors defeated the Knicks 34-22 to win the championship. In the semifinals, the Magic defeated the Celtics 31-28 and the Sonics beat the Pacers 33-17 in the consolation game.

Sun photos by Bill Thiry

Baker, Reds feel relaxed

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Reclining in his office before the Reds' morning workouts, Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker gnawed on one of his trademark toothpicks and pulled a pair of red-and-white No. 12 wristbands over his forearms, looking much the way he did when he played. Baker was relaxed, confident. Didn't seem to have a care in the world. And maybe with good reason.

While the NL Central's top two teams lost superstars — Albert Pujols from St. Louis, Prince Fielder from Milwaukee — this winter, the Reds reloaded.

They're ready to make a championship run.

"I feel like this is our year," second baseman Brandon Phillips said Sunday. "We have the talent."

The Reds failed to defend their division title in 2011, undone in part when an injury to starter Johnny Cueto and illness to Bronson Arroyo during camp dragged into the season and one-time MVP Joey Votto got little protection and had to carry too much of the offensive load. Cincinnati finished in third place at 79-83, the Reds' 10th losing season in 11 years.

General manager Walt Jocketty was not going to let it become 11 in 12.

With holes to fill, particularly in the rotation and bullpen, Jocketty got to work in December. Not long after Pujols flew from the Cardinals' nest and before Fielder donned Tigers stripes in Detroit, Jocketty risked a significant portion of Cincinnati's future to improve the Reds'

present.

First, he acquired right-hander Mat Latos from San Diego for four players: infielder Yonder Alonso, starter Edinson Volquez, catcher Yasmani Grandal and right-hander Brad Boxberger. Less than a week later, Jocketty was at it again, getting reliever Sean Marshall from the Chicago Cubs for left-hander Travis Wood and two prospects.

Next, Jocketty replaced closer Francisco Cordero by signing free agent Ryan Madson, who had 32 saves last season for Philadelphia. He signed outfielder Ryan Ludwick in January, an addition that will help the Reds' depth.

The moves strengthened Cincinnati's few apparent weaknesses, and signaled a belief this season can last deep into October.

"Hopefully, we'll go to the playoffs and beyond," Baker said.

To do that, the Reds will need to stay healthy, find a way to close the gap on the Central's frontrunners and get a little lucky.

Although the Cardinals and Brewers enter this season missing their biggest bats, Phillips expects both clubs to come out swinging.

"With Fielder and Pujols not being in our division, I feel like those guys are going to be even hungrier than they were before," Phillips said. "It's not going to be a walk in the park. We still got to go out there and get as many wins as possible, but what we did this off-season was a great thing."

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♣3 2
♠10 8 5 3 2

SOUTH
♥K 7
♦A
♣K J 9 8 5
♠A K Q J 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
6♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.
When declarer is playing a slam, he should give the hand more tender, loving care than when he is playing, say, two clubs, trying to make eight tricks. The stakes are bigger and therefore justify extra thought.
Take this case where South was in six diamonds and West led the queen

of spades, won by declarer with the king. It did not take South long to go down one. He played a low diamond at trick two, whereupon West took the ace and led the jack of spades, and East ruffed to sink the slam.

It was obvious from the start that only a spade ruff could beat the contract. Declarer's thoughts should therefore have been focused on finding some way to stop the potential ruff. Instead of leading a trump at trick two, South should have cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the ace of clubs and a club ruff in dummy.

After discarding his seven of spades on the king of hearts, South could then safely lead a trump to force out the ace. Declarer couldn't lose more than a trump trick on this line of play against virtually any lie of the opposing cards.

The governing principle that applies is the same as it always is when the contract seems easy to make. Before proceeding with the play, declarer asks himself, "What can defeat me?" If he finds a threat, he then takes every step he possibly can to overcome the hypothetical danger.

Tomorrow: Self-preservation.
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Tuesday's unlisted clue: GIANT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: SINGER DINAH —

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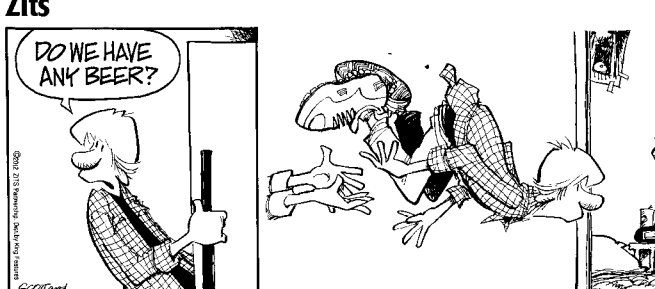
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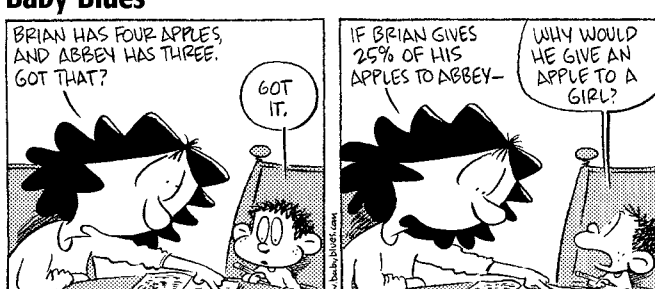
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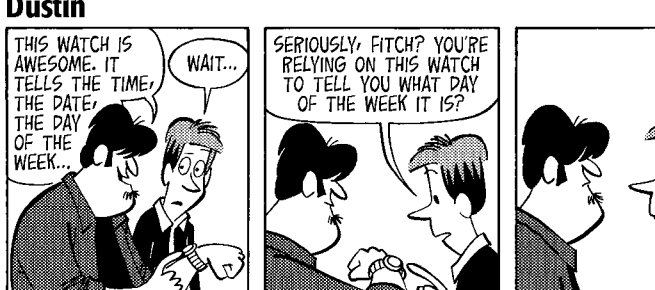
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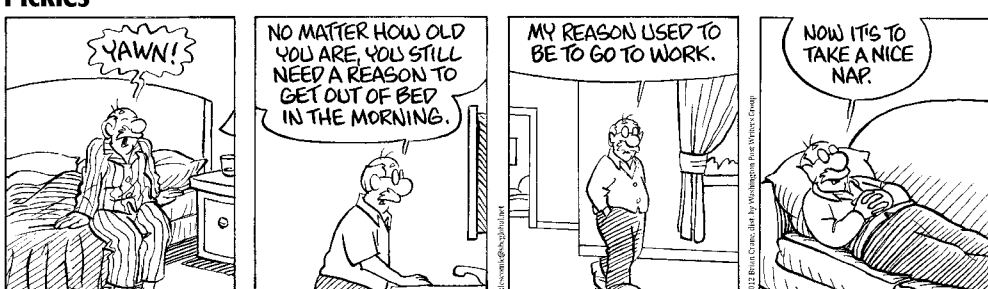
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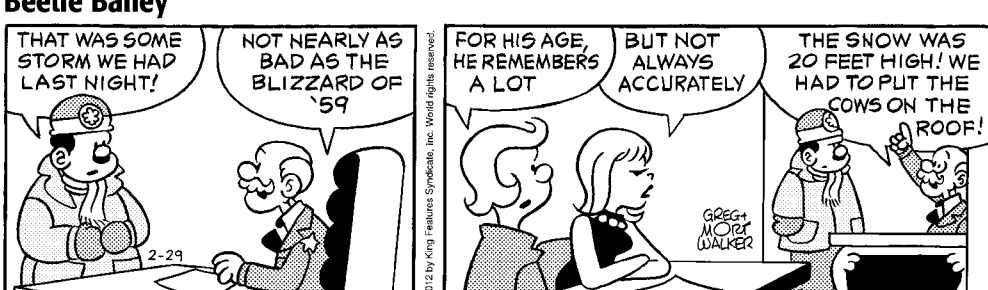
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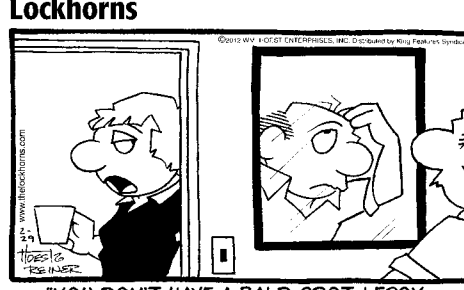
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012:
Often, you will say one thing but do another. Others scratch their heads and wonder what might be going on, as you are sending out mixed messages. This tendency could be unique to this year. If you are single, your interactions could reflect this tendency and cause a problem in your dating life. Be more aware of your behavior. If you are attached, the two of you will emphasize your domestic life. Tame the free spirit within! GEMINI can be charming. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Confusion surrounds an issue. Give yourself time. Unexpected insights will head your way. Tension remains high and causes you to pull back frequently to see what is going on. Tonight: Chatting with a friend.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You know what is happening. A friend has the ability to mire up the works, which could cause you to shake your head. Use caution, should this person approach you about a financial deal. You know how to say "no" without hurting anyone's feelings. Tonight: Treat a friend.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Getting grounded could take some work this morning, but you will do it. Surprising news will energize you, and before you know it, you are in your element. You display a certain skill when dealing with the unpredictable. Tonight: All smiles. Why not?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Know when to back off and get started on a personal project. Sometimes, interactions with others might give you a jolt. Of all the signs, you display a fine-tuned sensitivity. You also occasionally need to pull away from others. Tonight: Distance yourself from others, just for now.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You know when you are in good standing with the universe. Seize the moment to further a long-term desire. Be aware that some people could be shocked, as you seem absorbed in a project they might have known very little about. Tonight: Loving the moment.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You assume the role of leader. Others might be too confused to know what to do. An associate surprises you with his or her brevity and insight, which leaves you deep in thought. Tension could build if you lose your focus. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who means a lot to you. What you hear demonstrates what your imagination can create. A close associate or loved one intrigues you with his or her unpredictability. You wonder: What gives? Tonight: Think "vacation" or "mini-trip."
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to move in another direction or try something totally different. You could be closer to a child or loved one than you realize. Tonight: Just you and another person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Forget about having any say. Someone interjects his or her opinions and kisses up to the boss. You know better, but you have little choice. Let go and play. Make the most of the moment, and take part of the day off. Hook up with a loved one. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Focus on your goals, and get as much done as possible, despite the fact that there is uproar on the home front. By now, you might be getting used to this electrifying energy. Tension builds if you hold yourself back from saying what you think. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You like excitement, and you have it. This energy could surround a loved one or child. On the other hand, it could surround jolting news. Regardless, be sure that this wave of excitement will take you in a new direction. Tonight: Come on, be spontaneous.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ You could see some wild swings take place financially. Your bank could make a mistake, or you might buy a lottery ticket. Before you decide whether you are lucky, make sure the bank clears the check or the events are real. Tonight: Order in.
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The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on January 30, 2012, scheduling a hearing to be held on March 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2011-00375, which is the Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Site Compatibility Certificate for the Construction of a Combined Cycle Combustion Turbine at the Cane Run Generating Station and the Purchase of Existing Simple Cycle Combustion Turbine Facilities from Bluegrass Generation Company, LLC in LaGrange, Kentucky.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company
Kentucky Utilities Company
220 West Main Street
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LEGAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
WINCHESTER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
INVITATION TO BID
BITUMINOUS SURFACE REPAIR SERVICES

Sealed bids for bituminous surface repair services will be received at the offices of Winchester Municipal Utilities, 150 North Main Street, Winchester, Kentucky 40392-4177, Monday, March 19, 2012, until 2:15 p.m., local time. At that time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Contract Documents can be obtained from Winchester Municipal Utilities, 150 North Main Street, Winchester, Kentucky 40392-4177 on Friday, March 2, 2012. Only complete sets of Contract Documents will be furnished to parties interested in bidding this Contract.

All inquiries and questions prior to the bid opening shall be directed to Winchester Municipal Utilities General Manager, Michael Flynn. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Bidders are cautioned that personal communication with the Mayor of the City of Winchester, members of the City Commission or members of the Winchester Municipal Utilities Commission regarding the bid prior to bid opening will result in rejection of the bid.

The Contract for bituminous surface repair services will be awarded on the basis of the lowest bid price subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Winchester Municipal Utilities. Winchester Municipal Utilities reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any informality in any bid.

Winchester Municipal Utilities
February 29, 2012

Public Notice

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE
WINCHESTER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
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CIVIL BRANCH
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CASE NO. 11-CI-00616**
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION
VS.
**NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER'SSA LE**
JACOB C. JOHNSON

Pursuant to Findings of Fact and Judgment entered in the above styled action on February 9, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$81,509.76, plus interest, attorney's fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:
Being all of Lot 202B & 202D, of Stoney Brook Subdivision, Unit 10A, a Subdivision of Clark County, Kentucky, as shown by plat thereof of record at Plat Slide 971, Clark County Clerk's Office, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof; and
Being the same property conveyed to Jacob C. Johnson, unmarried, by deed dated January 28, 2005, of record in Deed Book 420, Page 396, in the Office of the Clerk of Clark County, Kentucky.
Property is known as 114 Shanahan Lane, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.
THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 11:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.
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3. All delinquent property taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all ad valorem taxes assessed against by the County of Clark and State of Kentucky for the current year and all subsequent years.
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**M. ALEX ROWADY
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CLARKC IRCUIT COURT
February 22, 29, 2012
March 7, 2012**

Public Notice

**LEGAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
CLARK CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION II
CASE NO. 11-CI-00012**
Wells Fargo Bank, NA
VS.
**NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER'SSA LE**
Garland B. Banks, et al.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 9, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$60,528.38 plus interest, attorneys fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:
Beginning at a stake in the margin of said Broadway Street extended and corner to F.H. Jackson; thence with his line South 20-1/2 deg. West 105 feet to a stone, corner to Mrs. Lou Hisle; thence with her line South 68-1/2 deg. East 48-1/2 feet to a stake, corner to George B. Kennedy; thence with his line North 20-1/2 deg. East 105 feet to a stake in the margin of Broadway Street extended; and thence North 68-1/2 deg. West 48-1/2 feet to the place of beginning.
Being the same property conveyed to Garland B. Banks and Edna M. Banks, husband and wife who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from CRFX, Inc., dated July 23, 2007, filed July 30, 2007, recorded in Deed Book D444, Page 106, County Clerk's Office, Clark County, Kentucky.
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CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION I
CASE NO. 11-CI-00685**
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION
VS.
**NOTICE OF MASTER
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**GEORGE W. JONES
and
KRISTIE JONES**

Pursuant to Findings of Fact and Judgment entered in the above styled action on February 9, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$112,426.22, plus interest, attorney's fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:
Being all of Lot No. 64, Unit 3 of the Spring Ridge Subdivision to the City of Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, as shown by plat thereof of record in Plat Slide 1273, in the Clark County Clerk's Office; and the improvements thereon being known and designated as 208 Watercrest Way, Winchester, Kentucky.
Being the same property conveyed to George W. Jones, married, by deed dated November 9, 2009, of record in Deed Book 462, Page 59, in the Office of the Clerk of Clark County, Kentucky.
Property is known as 208 Watercrest Way, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.
THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 11:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.
Said property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder upon the following terms:
1. The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of ten percent (10%) down in cash at the time of the sale. In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser, the Plaintiff shall not be required to make a down payment, but the down payment shall be credited against its mortgage.
2. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid on a credit of ninety (90) days at the lawful rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. The purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety thereon for said balance which shall have the force and effect of a judgment in order to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall constitute a lien on the said property until paid.
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CLARKC IRCUIT COURT
February 22, 29, 2012
March 7, 2012**

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**LEGAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
CLARKC IRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION I
CASE NO. 10-CI-00801**
BENEFICIAL KENTUCKY INC.
VS.
**NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER'SS ALE**
**PAUL D. MCLEMORE, II
AND
MARY MCLEMORE
AND
BENEFICIAL KENTUCKY, INC.
AND
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.**

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 9, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$127,690.15 plus interest, attorneys fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:
That certain Lot No. Fifty Three (53), Unit 4C, of Holliday Hills Subdivision in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, as shown on the plat of same of record in Plat Slide 1048B, Clark County Clerk's Office, to which plat reference is made for a more particular description of the property.
Being the same property conveyed to Paul D. McLemore, II and Mary McLemore, married, dated June 29, 2004, in Deed Book D414, Page 296, in the Office of the Clerk of Clark County, Kentucky.
Property is known as 105 Ashley Drive, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.
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CLARK CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION II
CASE NO. 10-CI-00920
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan
Morgan Acquisition Corp. 2005-WMC1, Asset-Backed Pass-Through
Certificates, Series 2005-WMC1
VS.
NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER’S SA LE
Ida R. Brown
Joseph A. Brown
Western Federal Credit Union successor by merger to Toyota
Federal Credit Union

PLAINTIFF
VS.
DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 9, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$90,711.19 plus interest, attorney’s fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN HOUSE AND LOT IN BLOCK “D”, WESLEYAN PARK ADDITION, SECTION (2) TWO, IN WINCHESTER, CLARK COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE IN THE MARGIN OF LOCUST DRIVE, A CORNER TO ERNEST V. TURLEY; THENCE S 64 DEGREES 22’ E 155 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE N 25 DEGREES 42’ E 55 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, A CORNER TO LOT (23) TWENTY-THREE; THENCE N 64 DEGREES W 155 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN THE MARGIN OF LOCUST DRIVE, A CORNER TO LOT (27) TWENTY-SEVEN; THENCE S 25 DEGREES 42’ W 56 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING LOT (26) TWENTY-SIX IN BLOCK “D” OF SAID WESLEYAN PARK ADDITION, SECTION (2) TWO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 162, AT PAGE 504, CLARK COUNTY COURT CLERK’S OFFICE, ACCORDING TO SURVEY MADE BY HARRY BLACK, C.E., MAY 12, 1961.

Being the same property conveyed to Ida R. Brown and Joseph A. Brown, married, by deed dated August 25, 2003 and of record in Deed Book 405, page 496, Clark County Clerk’s Office. Property is known as 61 Locust Drive, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 11:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.

Said property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder upon the following terms:

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CLARKC IRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION II
CASE NO. 10-CI-00653
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
VS.
NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER’S SA LE
Robert D. Anderson, Sr.
Shannon R. Anderson

PLAINTIFF
VS.
DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 9, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$129,849.64 plus interest, attorneys fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:

That certain parcel of land located in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, and being Lot No. 334, as designated on the plat for Colby Ridge Subdivision, Unit 8, said plat being of record on Plat Slide 1685, Clark County Clerk’s Office, to which plat reference is made for a more particular description and designated as 425 Wellington Way.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert D. Anderson, Sr. and Shannon R. Anderson, his wife, by Deed dated May 6, 2008, recorded on May 15, 2008 in Deed Book D450, Page 556 of the Clerk’s Records in Clark County, Kentucky.

Property is known as 425 Wellington Way, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 11:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.

Said property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder upon the following terms:

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LEGAL
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CLARK CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION I
CASE NO. 11-CI-00553
Bank of America, N.A.
VS.
NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER’S SA LE
Rose Allison Caudill
Michael Caudill

PLAINTIFF
VS.
DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 2, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$89,926.63 plus interest, attorney’s fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:

The following described property situated in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Two (2) certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Clark, state of Kentucky, located about one mile east of Winchester on the north side of Kentucky Highway No. 89, more particularly described as follows:

(1) Beginning at an iron pipe in the north right-of-way line of Kentucky Highway No. 89, said pipe being 35 feet from centerline of said highway and a corner to Harrison Burgess; thence with said right-of-way line S 18 degrees 40 Minutes E 58.25 feet to an iron pipe in said right-of-way line; said pipe being 35 feet from centerline of said highway, a corner to Buford Russell; thence N 67 degrees 49 Minutes E 142.6 feet to an iron pipe in the fence, a corner to Buford Russell in the line of Harrison Burgess; thence with said Burgess N 22 degrees 08 minutes W 63.75 feet to an iron pipe in the fence; thence S 66 degrees 31 minutes W 139.1 feet to the place of beginning; and being a part of the same property conveyed to Harrison Burgess, et ux, by J. Prewitt Hayes, etc., by deed dated January 20, 1955, of Record in the Clark County clerk’s office in Deed Book 149, Page 271.

(2) Lot No. One (1) in Rolling Hills Subdivision, a plat of which subdivision is of record in Deed Book 172, page 555, Clark County Clerk’s office, reference to which plat is now made for definite description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Rose Allison Caudill and Michael Caudill, wife and husband by deed dated January 31, 2005, recorded on February 2, 2005 in Deed Book D420, Page 455 of the Clerk’s Records in Clark County, Kentucky.

Property is known as 2534 Irvine Road, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 11:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.

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1. The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of ten percent (10%) down in cash at the time of the sale. In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser, the Plaintiff shall not be required to make a down payment, but the down payment shall be credited against its mortgage.
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CLARKC IRCUIT COURT
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CLARKC IRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION I
CASE NO. 11-CI-00683
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON
FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC.,
ASSETBACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-14
VS.
NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER’S SA LE
GREG A. SHORTRIDGE
AND
TERESA S. SHORTRIDGE
AND
AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

PLAINTIFF
VS.
DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 2, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$91,975.98 plus interest, attorney’s fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:

A certain house and all that certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Clark in the State of Kentucky. Located on the north side of Kentucky Highway 15 in Highland Subdivision just east of Winchester, Kentucky. Being all of Lots 13 and 14 and the western part of Lot 12 of said subdivision in revised plat recorded in the Clark County Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 156, Page 63. More particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe in the north right-of-way line of Kentucky Highway 15, a corner to the south east corner of Lot 15; thence with said right-of-way line N 82 deg. 30’ E 62.5 feet to an iron pipe in said right-of-way line, a corner to the remaining part of Lot 12; thence N 08 deg. 05’ W 158.3 feet to an iron pipe in the south line of Lot 47, a corner to the remaining part of Lot 12; thence with the south line of Lot 47, S 86 deg. 33’ W 59.0 feet to an iron pipe in the south line of said Lot, a corner to the north east corner of Lot 15; thence with the east line of Lot 15, S 06 deg. 44’ E 162.56 feet to the place of beginning. This description according to a survey made by Harry C. Black, C.E., April 5, 1960.

Being the same property conveyed to Greg A. Shortridge and Teresa S. Shortridge, married, by Deed dated July 28, 1989 of record in Deed Book 290, Page 322, in the Office of the Clark County Clerk.

Property is known as 280 Winn Avenue, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 11:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.

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CLARK CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION I
CASE NO. 11-CI-00407**

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

VS.

**NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER'SSA LE**

MEAGAN SHETLER

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 16, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$50,415.30 plus interest, attorney's fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:

A certain house and part of lot number 91 in Block H of the Winchester Land Investment Company Addition to the City of Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, commonly known as South Park Addition to the city, a plat of which is of record in Deed Book 58, Page 503. Said Land extends back in a westward direction seventy-five (75) feet to the property of Doyle Day; and

Being the same property conveyed to Meagan Shetler, a single person by deed dated September 28, 2000 of record in Deed Book 325, Page 478 in the Office of the Clerk of Clark County, Kentucky.

Property is known as 136 Georgia Street, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CLARK CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION II
CASE NO. 11-CI-00486**

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC

VS.

**NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER'SSA LE**

Latricia Jones

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on February 2, 2012 and in order to raise the sum of \$124,377.48 plus interest, attorney's fees and costs as provided in said Judgment, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, the following described real property, to-wit:

Being all of Lot 8, Unit Two (2) Verna Hills Subdivision, Clark County, Kentucky, as appears by plat of record in Plat Book 4, Page 6, Clark County Court Clerk's Office, to which plat reference is made for a more particular description of said lot, said lot being known as 105 Robyn Drive, Clark County, Kentucky, and being subject to the restrictive covenants pertaining to said subdivision, of record in Deed Book 205, Page 542, Clark County Clerk's Office.

Said property was conveyed to Latricia Jones, unmarried, by James Greene, Jr. and Beulah H. Greene, husband and wife, on September 30, 2005, by a deed recorded on October 4, 2005, in Deed Book 427, Page 279, in the Office of the Clark County Clerk's Office.

Property is known as 105 Robyn Drive, Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

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**LEGAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
CLARK CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL BRANCH
DIVISION I
CASE NO. 10-CI-00833**

Wells Fargo Financial Kentucky, Inc.

VS.

**NOTICE OF MASTER
COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

**Jeff Dixon aka Jeffery D. Dixon
Tax Lien Investments 1, LLC
Southern Tax Service**

PLAINTIFF**DEFENDANTS**

**M. ALEX ROWADY
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